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Mild Millennium Weather

Forecasters at the Met Office are predicting unsettled weather for most of the country for the Millennium celebrations this weekend, although it should be mild for partygoers. Cloud and rain will cross the UK from the northwest during the latter part of Friday and will reach the southeast in the early hours of New Year's Day. The first day of the new millennium will be brighter, for those that see it, although there will be a few showers mainly in the northwest.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting in The Met. Office, said: " Despite the threat of some rain, with it being mild and not too windy, conditions will be reasonable for the time of year for those out and about. "

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